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Examiner: Walter F. Briney, III

In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant: Eiichi Nishimura)
Serial No.: 09/963,499)
Filed: September 27, 2001) AMENDMENT
For: ECHO CANCELER WITH)
AUTOMATIC GAIN CONTROL OF)
ECHO CANCELLATION SIGNAL)
Attny Ref.: MAE 266)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Official Action mailed on October 20, 2004. No fee is due (the PTO was closed on January 20). However, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 if any fees are needed to enter this paper, and please advise us accordingly. It is noted that no petition is required because of the authorization to charge, but please consider this paper a petition for extension of time if needed.

The specification is amended to correct a typographic error.

New claims 13-15 are supported in the original claims and disclosure, and are patentable for the reasons set out below.

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